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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

A selection of the letters we've received this week. Write in to have your say.

✉ BEWARE OF BORROWING

Banks have got a lot of tricks up their sleeve to lure people into owing money or charging them, big time. This problem could be avoided if people would only take time to read the fine print and spot the tricky conditions and hidden

charges. Or, have the cunning to use the 'great offers' of those banks wisely—think of it this way, turn the cheat on them, instead on you. Always remember that borrowing money from banks will be easy for the working Joes and Janes—it's the paying back that's going to cripple you in the end if you're not careful.

Maurice Beneke

✉ ESCALATING ANNOYANCE

I just want to point out the use of escalators in the Metro. These facilities are supposed to make transport faster and easier, not make people lazier. I am always so frustrated every time I'm caught in a clogged escalator because most people here don't know how to use it: stand on the right, walk on the left! There is a sticker on the glass balustrade of each escalator but it is too small and unnoticeable for other people. I suggest Dubai Metro make a big one so everyone using the escalator can read it.

Cleo



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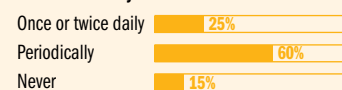
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Coming up this week



TODAY

As far as must-have gadgets of the future are concerned, a car that can drive itself would be pretty high on the wish list for many. Now, thanks to the intelligent use of ultrasound, radar and lasers, the 'self-driving' concept cars that wowed visitors at CES 2014 are bringing us one step closer to the science fiction scenario that many have dreamed of.



MONDAY

If you still don't quite understand the difference between 'there', 'they're' and 'their', check out our handy guide to a few of the words out there that sound alike but most certainly aren't spelt the same.



TUESDAY

Cheap, cheerful and tasty, the humble egg plays an important part in most people's efforts to maintain a healthy and balanced diet. But what is it exactly that makes them such an 'eggcellent' choice?



WEDNESDAY

Recent research found that working nights can not only leave you feeling a little sleepier than day workers, but can in fact have long-term, more serious effects on your health.



THURSDAY

With a back catalogue of hit movies under his belt and still leading the way for Hollywood actors today, Tom Hanks is undoubtedly one of the bigshots. Take a look back at his career highs.



FRIDAY

The Read. Facebook page has been full of your opinions on our daily question. We find the best responses from our Facebook fans and bring you the answers that matter most to the people of Dubai.

Facebook chatter

Here's what you have been saying on the *Read*. Facebook page.

(Responses only edited for length)

Who do you consider to be the unsung heroes of Dubai and why?

The construction workers and cleaners. These two categories are genuinely the unsung heroes that continue to play a vital role in making Dubai look like what it is today. The municipality cleaners work round the clock, under all weather conditions to ensure that the city is clean, tidy and beautiful, while the construction workers are those who toil in scorching heat of the sun, erecting tall towers for our comfort. They all are worthy of our praise, appreciation and respect.

— **Fatima Suhail**

House maids, security guards and labourers, because they do a lot for this nation esp security officers, but no one appreciates them.

— **Andrew Obbo**

No work category just plain EXPAT!!! Expats who works hard and expats whos suffering from rent & commodity increase.

— **Avie Arrabis Roda**



Have you ever had a close encounter with a wild animal?

Got kicked by an elephant accidentally in childhood trying to feed it a few leaves.

— **Preeti Menon**

I'm from Punjab, Pakistan. Once I was seated in my village forest & was singing loudly in my sweet voice. Suddenly I felt some movement in the trees on my back & that was a big wild boar when he came one step forward, I ran away from there faster than leopard, after a while when I looked back boar was running in my opposite direction.... then I stopped & confirmed nobody was looking me, left the forest.

— **Ali RaZi**

What is the most inspirational quote you've heard?

"In extreme difficulty lies an oppor-



tunity", I think this is by Einstien...n truly believe this one.

— **Prash Bhatia**

Never hate your enemies, it affects your judgment! From The Godfather, it comes handy everytime you encounter people trying to put you down!

— **Joie Talana Eva**

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Blurred VISION

Why taking a simple eye test will help you in the long-term.

Figures released this month in the United Kingdom have shed light on the public's failing attitudes towards eye testing, and showed how dangerous it can be for those who do not realise that their eyesight is not up to scratch.

For instance, one in seven people over 40 drives without being able to see well enough, while 40 per cent knew their vision had been getting worse but had done nothing, and 30 per cent would prefer to squint while reading than go to the optician.

The survey of more than 1,000 people between the ages of 40 and 75 was commissioned by the Simplyhealth Advisory Research Panel, which has been set up to give independent information on key health issues.

"Most people's eyesight naturally worsens as they get older, known as

"Most adults should go for an eye test at least once every two years, although a practitioner might suggest more regular intervals."

age-related macular degeneration," said the panel's Dr Catherine Hood.

"It's worrying that 99 per cent failed to identify age-related macular degeneration as the most common cause of blindness. Only a third knew what the condition was. This has serious implications,

as early diagnosis can slow the loss of sight."

Yet many people in middle age still have what is known as 20/20 vision, which is a term used to express the clarity of vision over a distance of 20 feet (6 metres). According to the American Optometric Association: "If you have 20/20 vision, you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance.

"If you have 20/100 vision, it means that you must be as close as 20 feet to see what a person with normal vision can see at 100 feet [30.5 metres]."

It doesn't necessarily mean you have perfect vision as there are other important vision skills, like side vision, eye coordination and depth perception, but 20/20 is used as a gauge for good eyesight.

Some people are able to see well at a distance, but are unable to bring nearer objects into focus—a condition that can be caused by both hyperopia (farsightedness) or presbyopia (loss of focusing ability).

On the other hand, those that can see items that are close, but are not able to see those that are far away might suffer from a condition caused by myopia, or nearsightedness.

Optometrists recommend that most adults should go for an eye test at least once every two years, although a practitioner might sug-

gest more regular intervals, depending on the condition of your sight.

According to the British National Health Service, examinations are important as they can detect early

signs of eye conditions before the patient is aware of

any symptoms, and many of these can be treated if found early enough. Unfortunately, not enough of us heed such advice. ●

Did you know?

Oxford University researchers are testing a new technique that uses gene therapy to help restore eyesight to people who are partially blind with the disease choroideremia. The new experimental treatment, which is being reported as successful, lifts the retina and injects DNA into the area behind it, to protect the cells which are still alive.



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TRAVEL NEWS

Malaysia Airlines takes off with new Airbus 330-300

Malaysia Airlines, the national carrier of Malaysia, has launched its new Airbus 330-300 aircraft for the Dubai-Kuala Lumpur route. The new A330-300 aircraft replaces the Boeing 777 previously used for the sector.



The new Airbus A330-300 offers enhanced comfort, convenience and performance with its state-of-the-art design cabin equipped with mood lighting to offer passengers a cosy atmosphere for travel. The A330-300 aircraft has a seating capacity of 283, with 36 business class and 245 economy class seats.

According to Azahar Hamid, Malaysia Airlines Regional Senior Vice President, South Asia and Middle East, "Our resolution for the new year is to make flying with Malaysia Airlines an enjoyable experience from take-off to landing. The new A333 aircraft for our Dubai-Kuala Lumpur-Dubai sector is equipped with the best amenities to provide comfort, and is visually appealing."

The new service began on January 5, 2014 when the Malaysia Airlines aircraft landed at Dubai International Airport.

Malaysia Airlines flies daily between Dubai and Kuala Lumpur, departing at 8:15pm and arriving in Kuala Lumpur the following morning at 7:30am. The early morning arrival into KL International Airport enables connections beyond to destinations across Malaysia and Asia. The return flight departs Kuala Lumpur at 3:15pm daily and arrives in Dubai at 6:45pm the same day.

Business class passengers enjoy the comfort of lie-flat seats, a 60-inch seat pitch, and a foldout privacy divider.

Africa in the ocean

Visitors continue to flock to **Cape Verde**, the offshore crossroads between Europe and West Africa.

Located in the Atlantic Ocean some 570 kilometres off the coast of Senegal, Cape Verde is as much a part of Africa as it is not. Indeed, this archipelago of 10 islands, which was until 1975 a colony owned by Portugal, is known for its good governance, high standard of living and the exotic beat of daily West African life.

The 10 islands cover an area of just over 4,000 square kilometres and differ widely from each other. This makes Cape Verde perfect for visitors who enjoy island hopping between the combination of the flat and arid, and the rocky and more verdant outcrops there.

Santiago, the largest and most populous of all the islands, is home to one of Cape Verde's two main airports. It is also most African in its culture, with swathes of agricultural land nestling below the island's volcanic peaks. There is an ancient capital, Cidade Velha, and a modern one at nearby Praia.

Cidade Velha was founded as the first European colonial settlement in the tropics in 1462, and lies 15 kilometres from Praia. Some of the meticulously planned original design of the site is still intact, from a royal fortress to two towering churches to

a 16th-century town square.

Praia, which assumed the role of capital in 1770, is more modern and commercially significant. The centre of the city lies on a plateau overlooking the bay, and boasts some appealing colonial-era architecture.

But for many, the cities of Santiago provide little more than a staging point between the airport and the beachside resorts and mountain retreats, which provide the most significant draw for tourists.

The centre of the island is green and mountainous, a landscape of peaks and fertile valleys with banana plantations and papaya trees. Those who enjoy long walks and soaking up the atmosphere of villages and culture will enjoy the interior. Life here is a world away from the main city. Even in these predominantly African regions, Cape Verde's links with Portuguese culture shine through in the form of Mediterranean-style cuisine infused with African spices.

Away from the mountains and on the coast, the beaches can appear as idyllic and untouched as anywhere else in the world. These are well-served by hotels and resorts, many of which provide watersport packages and fishing trips to net some of the abundant game fish in local waters. The standard of these resorts is usually high although prices are reasonable.

There are no direct flights from Dubai, although Cape Verde's main airports are served from most European capitals. Expect flight times in the region of 12 to 18 hours depending on your route. ●

Fast fact

Cape Verde is known for having one of the most stable and progressive political systems in Africa. It has a standard of living higher than most African nations, and is one of the most politically liberal nations on the continent, and in the world. It was ranked the twenty-sixth most democratic country in the world last year.



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In designing the backbone of the F-150, Ford engineers improved the truck's signature fully boxed ladder frame. It is all new with more high-strength steel than ever—making it stronger and lighter.

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Gruelling testing simulated the demands Ford's customers will subject the truck to throughout its average lifetime. The tests include crisscrossing terrain pulling heavy trailers and hefty loads through desert valleys and over high-altitude mountain passes.

Customers using the F-150 for construction, mining and utilities have tested and helped prove out its high-strength aluminum alloy cargo box.

A disguised new Ford F-150 raced in the Baja 1000, where it earned the distinction of completing all 883 gruelling miles.

When the original Impala was launched seven decades ago, Chevrolet couldn't have known that they were creating a car that would go on to become the best-selling full size car in the United States. Loved by the custom car scene and a name that any automotive buff will know instantly, releasing a new version (and an executive saloon at that) is a tough call.

It would have been so much easier for GM to release another retro muscle car to go along with the Charger, Challenger, Camaro and all those other cars that are stuck in the past. But Chevy needed a good executive saloon, so the Impala has headed

into a new chapter of its life cycle, and the men in Detroit will be looking for some big sale figures.

Walk around the exterior of the car and there's more than a hint of European executive saloon, accentuated with a few muscle car nods. The top-of-the-range LTZ model gets subtle chrome high-

lights on door handles, around the glasswork and on the vents and exhausts.

Under the hood the Impala shares the Camaro's 3.6-litre V6, pushing 305 horsepower through a 6-speed automatic gearbox to 20-inch low profile front wheels.

Meanwhile the smooth and

unassuming rear-end houses an ample boot to easily accommodate holiday luggage for a family of four.

And if you do intend on taking the Impala on holiday, then the interior is a welcoming space indeed. The cabin is spacious and comfortable with heated and cooled electric seats in the LTZ model. Practically, there is ample storage and even a compartment behind the GM MyLink infotainment screen with a USB port

SPECS

(as tested)

Engine: 3.6-litre V6

Power: 305hp @ 6800rpm

0-100km/h: 6.5 seconds

Top speed: 240km/h

Price: Dh129,000

The new Chevy Impala represents a bright future for GM.

Toned down muscle



COMFORT AND PRACTICALITY

to hide away your iPod while playing music. There's also a delightful Bose 11-speaker surround sound system.

To drive, the Impala is much like the delinquent who went to private school. While its mechanics are shared with its more raucous siblings, there is a sedateness and refinement about the Impala that suggests a better 'class' of car. Acceleration is competent if not stunning, but the front-wheel drive makes the Impala very confident around corners with little unpredictability. If there is a minus point, then the steering feels a little remote at times.

In terms of safety, large all-round discs brakes bring the 1780kg Impala to a pretty rapid halt while a raft of accident mitigation systems help keep you out of harm's way. But should you get in harm's way, 10 airbags will hopefully keep you safe.

The Impala is not alone in the market with the Ford Taurus, Dodge Charger and Chrysler 300 being just three of its direct US rivals. However, the 2014 Impala really harks back to the 1950s and 1960s when the name was synonymous with style and comfort.

Time will only tell if it is able to outsell its predecessor. ●



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TECH NEWS

Motorola unveils affordable Moto G for UAE market

Motorola, a Google owned company, recently launched the Moto G, a smartphone for people who want an affordable, no-compromise smartphone. The smartphone delivers a premium smartphone experience for a third of the price of current high-end phones.



The stylishly designed smartphone has a brilliant 4.5-inch HD display – the sharpest in its class – that goes edge-to-edge so one can enjoy movies, photos, video chats and more. The newest Qualcomm Snapdragon 400 processor features a quad-core CPU for seamless multitasking and to enjoy the web, videos and games, with all-day battery life.

Moto G is equipped with Android 4.3 Jellybean, the most up-to-date Android for any phone in its class and comes with a guaranteed upgrade to Android 4.4 KitKat.

The dual SIM support offers the option to use the preferable network of choice. Unique Motorola apps allow the transfer of photos, videos, SIM contacts, call history, texts and more in three easy steps.

The affordable price of Moto G allows users to experience the full advantages of mobile internet, with the power to multi-task and run the latest games and apps smoothly at a good price.

Moto G is distributed by Brightstar, Motorola's exclusive mobile products distributor in the Middle East. The new smartphone is available at major electronic outlets and mobile stores in the UAE. Moto G's 8GB version retails at Dh899 while the 16GB configuration is priced at Dh999.

Trade commission's win over 'unfair billing'

Apple's app rap will help parents whose kids make unauthorised purchases.

Earlier this month, parents of children who had made in-app purchases without adult consent won a victory via the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) against Apple, which must now refund them to the tune of at least \$32.5 million.

Having settled with the FTC, Apple must also implement a change to its billing process so that it receives "express, informed consent" from users for all charges through its App Store and allow them to withdraw this consent after a purchase is made.

The issue came to a head after parents found sizeable purchases from in-app purchases made by kids after their parents allowed them to make a single transaction. Under the current App Store process, a parent's password will stay live for 15 minutes after the initial purchase, allowing children to make surreptitious further transactions during that window.

"You cannot charge consumers for purchases they did not authorise," FTC chairwoman Edith Ramirez said in a statement following the settlement.

"[It] is a victory for consumers harmed by Apple's unfair bill-



The power of profit

The latest figures released by apple reveal that App Store customers worldwide spent over \$10 billion on software in 2013. Since its launch, developers have earned a combined \$15 billion for their work through Apple. The App Store offers more than one million apps to iPhone, iPad and iPod touch users in 155 countries around the world, with more than 500,000 native iPad apps available.

A COSTLY MISTAKE?

ing, and a signal to the business community: whether you're doing business in the mobile arena or the mall down the street, fundamental consumer protections apply."

Games that offer in-app purchases have fuelled the debate. After years of experimenting to find the best ways to make money from apps, developers have settled on this model.

But the downside has always been the knee-jerk desire by teenage players, immersed in a game, to buy more lives or levels on their parents' credit cards. Kids will be kids, after all.

It has been argued that promoting in-app purchases is morally wrong, but without this facility, software developers would not have the funds to invest in order to push boundaries.

Apple's agreement with the FTC suggests that it is responsible for allowing children to make unauthorised purchases, but this logic would preclude parents from taking any responsibility. This is too simplistic a view as there are mechanisms parents can take to prevent their bank balance from taking a dive.

For a start, if your child is using your device, make sure your in-app purchase restrictions are locked down and never share your password with anyone. Savvy parents can use app purchasing as a way to set boundaries and help their kids understand the implications of the cost of app usage.

After all, this will provide a lesson for later life when they have to control their spending, even on 'cheap' pleasures, like a 99 cent life pack.●

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MANAGEMENT

We live in a world where change is the norm. New projects and technology improvements are forcing companies to introduce ongoing changes to the way we work in order to stay ahead of the competition. Change can be intimidating and challenging even to the best of us. However, in today's workplace, your adaptability to change is what keeps you significant and relevant. Any major transformation takes us out of our comfort zones and creates people issues and insecurities. A leader's role when it comes to introducing change can never be underestimated. They need to learn as much as you can about the impending change and help their employees better understand the rationale behind it. For change to happen, it helps if the whole company supports it. Akhtaboot presents the steps to lead and implement change successfully.

RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR CHANGE

Employees are not so much against change as they are against being changed. If you leave too much to the employee's imagination when it comes to change, that can create unnecessary misrepresentations and make change management difficult. Change should address a specific problem that employees are aware of so

they can do what is necessary to fix it. This involves identifying problems the company faces, assigning a level of importance to each one, and assessing the kinds of changes needed to solve the problems.

GAIN UNIFIED AGREEMENT

For change to be implemented successfully, all concerned parties need to get involved to create enthusiasm and a sense of ownership among employees. You can also ask for the input of those who are not directly involved in the change as their support for the new plan can help employees feel more at ease. When the management team shows unified support for a newly introduced initiative, it is easier for employees to follow through with implementation.

INTRODUCE CHANGE IN PHASES

Do not go live with the change immediately. Place a structure for change, and continually check for obstacles and barriers. Addressing obstacles early on can empower the people you need to execute your vision, and it can help the change move forward. Have a small group of

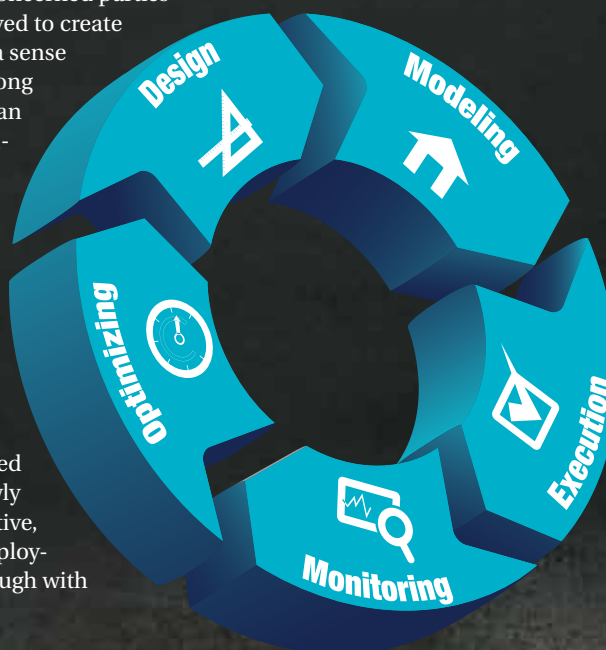
“Employees are not so much against change as they are against being changed.”

people may have. While some may not agree with certain changes simply because they were in the habit of doing things the old way, others may have smart and alternative solutions that you should consider. Implement employee-based feedback that seems valid so you can make the transition go more smoothly.

INCORPORATE THE CHANGE INTO THE COMPANY CULTURE

Your corporate culture often determines what gets done and what does not, so in order for any change to stick, it should be incorporated into the core of your company culture. Make continuous efforts to ensure that the change is seen in every aspect of your employees' daily work. Talk about progress during weekly meetings and performance reviews. Tell success stories about the change process. It is also important that all of your company's leaders continue to support the change every step of the way. ●

By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).



employees try the change first to identify any errors or alterations that need to be made. Once you do that, slowly integrate the change into your organisation.

MONITOR THE PROGRESS AND SEEK FEEDBACK

Be open for feedback and listen to any concerns your

POSITIVE PROGRESS

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Joyalukkas DSF promotion gifts gold reward to a thrilled winner

Joyalukkas, being one of the key sponsors of the mega Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) promotions, has been a lucky destination for shoppers in the ongoing campaign. The Joyalukkas DSF campaign coordinated by the Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group (DGJG), offers customers the chance to win one kilogramme of gold and one solitaire diamond ring daily against every purchase of gold, diamond or pearl jewellery worth Dh500.



One lucky winner was Gopysh, who purchased jewellery from the Joyalukkas showroom in Bur Dubai, and walked away with one kilogramme of gold.

John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director of Joyalukkas Group, said: "This DSF is proving to be extremely lucky for many shoppers thanks to the big win and daily winning opportunity we are offering them. Its been a dream come true for all the winners and we are glad to be the destination that is making dreams come true."

"Hearty congratulations to Gopysh and a big thank you for shopping at Joyalukkas. There are many more opportunities to win so we would ask all jewellery lovers to not miss their chance to win big this DSF."

Gopysh, a resident of Dubai, expressed delight on winning gold and said: "I was just window shopping at Joyalukkas and one of their sales staff convinced me to buy a piece of jewellery and try my luck in the big raffle. I am glad that I listened to him. Joyalukkas henceforth is my favourite destination for jewellery shopping."

Joyalukkas recently added a wide range of new jewellery collections based on international and Indian trends for 2014 in gold, diamond, pearl, platinum, precious stones and polki, masterfully designed by their skilled artisans.

City slicker

Men's accessories for spring 2014 take a masculine and bold stand.

Watch, Next

This watch is inspired by a timeless sense of class. The embossed brown leather strap and classic face work well paired with office attire for a smart, professional look.



Boots, H&M

These brown leather boots combine functionality with classic style and detailing. They'll work well with denim jeans and a checked shirt for a laid-back look.

Bag, Debenhams

This bag is perfect for a trip to the gym or for a weekend away. The detachable shoulder strap allows you to be flexible when carrying your belongings while the simple, unfussy detailing keeps the look clean and structured.



MATALAN

Boat shoes, Matalan

These navy and brown leather boat shoes look great paired with a simple white T-shirt, cuffed chinos and a pair of RayBan aviators.



Bowtie, Marks and Spencer

Add a refined finish to your evening-wear with this stylish grey bowtie. A bowtie is unmistakably dapper and also provides a fool-proof way to show off your natural charm.

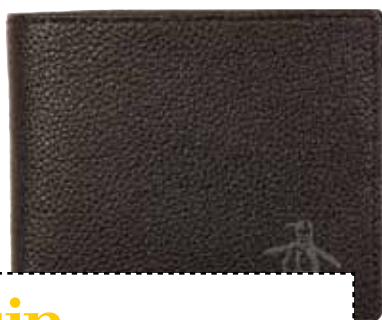
Bag, ASOS

This black and grey backpack has a simple yet effective design. Designed to be spacious, you can carry all your essentials around town in style.



Sunglasses, River Island

With dark tortoiseshell square frames and a space-like pattern around the rim these shades exude a cool, rock 'n' roll vibe. They will soon become your everyday pair.

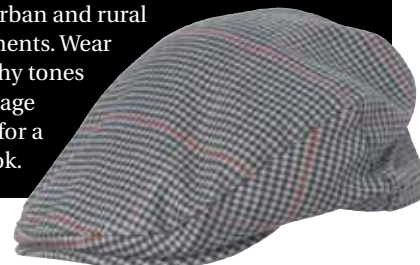


Penguin leather wallet, getthelabel.com

Every man needs a wallet and this black, textured fold wallet with small Penguin logo is both fun and masculine. It features a large note compartment, five credit card slots and a coin compartment with press stud fastening for all your monetary needs.

Flat cap, Marks and Spencer

The flat cap has become an increasingly popular trend that has long been associated with old English aristocracy. A flat cap works in both urban and rural environments. Wear with earthy tones and heritage patterns for a classy look.



Shoes, ASOS

Once the domain of the archetypal country gent, Derby shoes continue to carve the perfect path between the smart/casual divide. These black, leather pair will look great worn with both trousers and jeans.



DEBENHAMS



The latest toy story

Colourful plastic blocks come to life with Warner Bros.' latest 3D animation, *The Lego Movie*.

NEW RELEASE

Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Pratt and Morgan Freeman have lent their vocal talents to the upcoming 3D animated *The Lego Movie*, which looks set to be the next big family hit.

The film, the first-ever full-length theatrical Lego picture, follows Emmet, a perfectly average, law-abiding Lego minifigure who is mistakenly identified as being a "master builder" and someone who is key to saving the Lego universe.

He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

Chris Pratt (*Moneyball*) stars as Emmet. Oscar winner Morgan Freeman (*Million Dollar Baby*) and Elizabeth Banks (*The Hunger Games*) star as two of Emmet's fellow travellers, the former giving his voice Vitruvius, an old wizard and the latter appearing as tough-as-nails Wyldstyle, who sees Emmet as the saviour of the

world and guides him on his quest.

She also calls upon the mysterious Batman, a Lego figure voiced by Will Arnett (*Arrested Development*), with whom she shares a history. Other goodies include Nick Offerman (*Parks and Recreation*) as a craggy, swaggering pirate obsessed with revenge over President Business, and Alison Brie (*Community*) as a sweet,

Did you know?

Lego was first manufactured in Denmark in 1949, and, as of last year, around 560 billion Lego parts had been produced. The toy has since spawned six international amusement parks, countless digital games, books and several superstores. Warner Bros. have already commissioned the follow up to *The Lego Movie*, according to reports.

loveable member of the team with a powerful secret, and Charlie Day (*Pacific Rim*) as the spaceman Benny.

The main adversary will come in the form of President Business, voiced by Will Ferrell (*Anchor-man*), an uptight CEO who has a hard time balancing world domination with micro-managing his own life. Liam Neeson (*The Phantom Menace*)

provides the voice for President Business's powerful henchman, Bad Cop/Good Cop, who will stop at nothing to catch Emmet.

Phil Lord and Christopher Miller (*21 Jump Street* and *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs*) have directed a project that has been in development at Warner Bros. since 2008, with Australian outfit Animal Logic providing the animation.

"It involves many worlds. Basically, the least qualified Lego characters in the universe having to keep the world from being frozen

“The Lego Movie is a rip-roaring romp made by two of the best directors of the genre.”

together,” the directors revealed.

To support the film's release, Lego will release 17 new Lego building sets that are based on the film's scenes and characters. These will include President Business's Evil Lair, and Cloud Cuckoo Palace, along with a brand new set of 16 minifigures.

The initial buzz suggests *The Lego Movie* is a rip-roaring romp made by two of the best directors of the genre. And with such a stellar cast

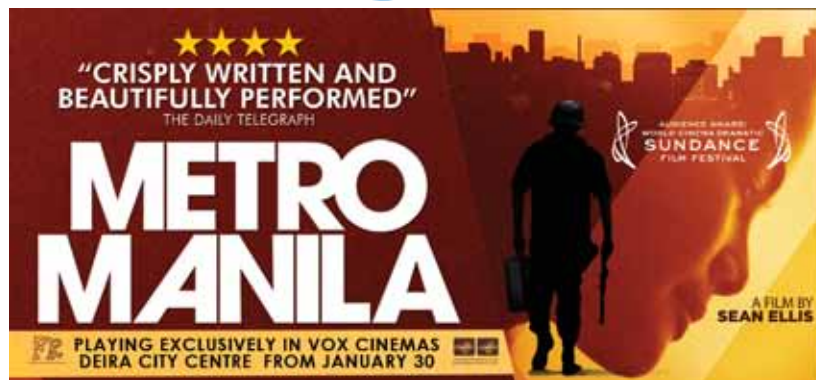
of voices in the line-up, there will be more than enough 'in-jokes' to keep the adults entertained. Most of all, though, *The Lego Movie* provides a chance for anyone out there who has grown up playing with Lego to see the imaginary plastic figures of their childhood finally come to life. ●



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What's happening this week in the UAE

The East China State Circus



Madinat Jumeirah's Chinese New Year celebrations include Chinese food and the East China State Circus.
Date: January 27-30
Time: 10am-6pm
Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre
Admission: Online registration
More info: 04 336 5161

Indian Republic Day Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira

Celebrating the Indian Republic Day through poetry recitals, this show brings Indian tradition to Dubai.
Date: January 30
Time: 9:30pm
Venue: Sheikh Rashid Auditorium
Admission: Telephone reservation
More info: 050 650 6811



Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead



Witness the epic tale of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* from the perspective of other characters in the story.
Date: Until February 1
Time: Friday 7:30pm, Saturday 4:30pm, 7:30pm
Venue: DUCTAC, Mall of the Emirates
Admission: Dh80
More info: 04 341 4777

The Bridal Affair, Season 5

The Bridal Affair brings the fifth season of the wedding products and services exhibition.
Date: February 1
Time: 12-10pm
Venue: The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC
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Hollywood news

Zac's back



On last week's *The Today Show*, actor Zac Efron revealed that, after a stint in rehab, he is back in form. When asked if he was OK, Efron replied, "I'm in the best place I've ever been. I've never been this happy before. I'm extraordinarily grateful for these guys and to be here promoting this movie. I don't know. Things are good."

No reunion

As the band that created 'girl power', The Spice Girls still hold a special place in the hearts of many. However, hopes for another reunion like at the London 2012 Olympics were dashed last week after Posh Spice herself, Victoria Beckham, revealed in an interview, "I won't ever do it again."



Dolphin designs?



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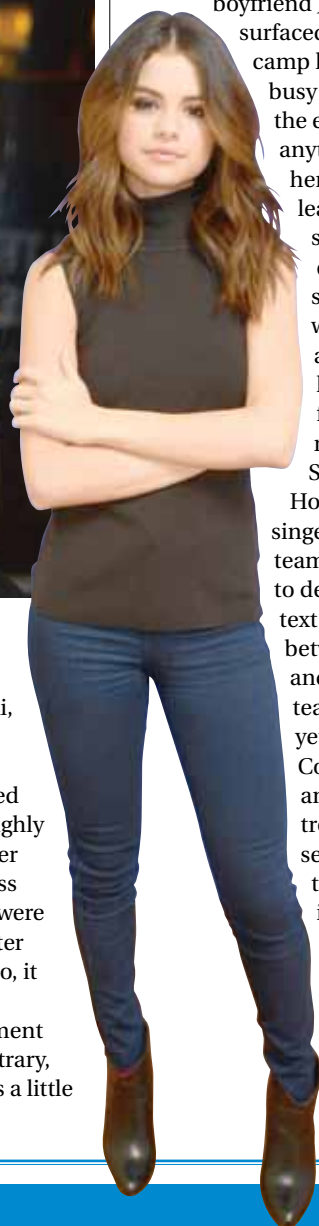
In one of the most bizarre bits of Hollywood gossip we've heard floating around recently, rumours are rife that the Queen of Pop herself, Madonna, may or may not own a property right here in Dubai, and it may or may not contain a dolphinarium in the living room. That's right, a dolphinarium.

Renowned celebrity architect Joaquín Torres has apparently revealed the plans for Madonna's new home, which show the unusual—and highly controversial—aquatic addition. When asked by a Twitter user whether or not he had designed a home that contained a dolphinarium, Torres replied, "Yes, we did." And, when quizzed over whether the dolphins were wild or captive, he answered, "Captive." However, when another Twitter user asked if the home had actually been built yet, Torres claimed, "No, it has not been built. It is just a project."

Madonna's team has been quick to deny the rumours, with a statement from the singer's representative claiming, "Despite reports to the contrary, Madonna does not own a home in Dubai with dolphins." It all sounds a little bit fishy if you ask us.

War of words

After apparent screenshots of text messages between her and ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber surfaced, Selena Gomez's camp have been busy denied that the exchange has anything to do with her. The supposedly leaked conversation shows an exchange that spirals into a bitter war of words, and is alleged to have been taken from a phone registered to Selena's stepfather. However, the young singer's management team has been quick to deny that the text messages were between Selena and Justin. Bieber's team, however, have yet to comment. Considering the amount of other troubles Justin seems to be going through right now, including felony charges and accusations of substance abuse, they may have slightly more pressing issues to deal with.



Bollywood news

Long wait

The upcoming Amir Khan flick *P.K.* has been shifted back to a later release date, much to the disappointment of fans who have been eagerly awaiting the film after the success of *Dhoom 3*. The political satire was supposed to release on June 6, but will now hit cinema screens in December.



Chopra's chart bid

As a former Miss World and one of Bollywood's best-loved beauties, Priyanka Chopra landed in London last week to launch her new single *I Can't Make You Love Me*. The song is Chopra's third release since launching her music career, and is a dance remake of the 1991 Bonnie Raitt hit.



Sonakshi stumped

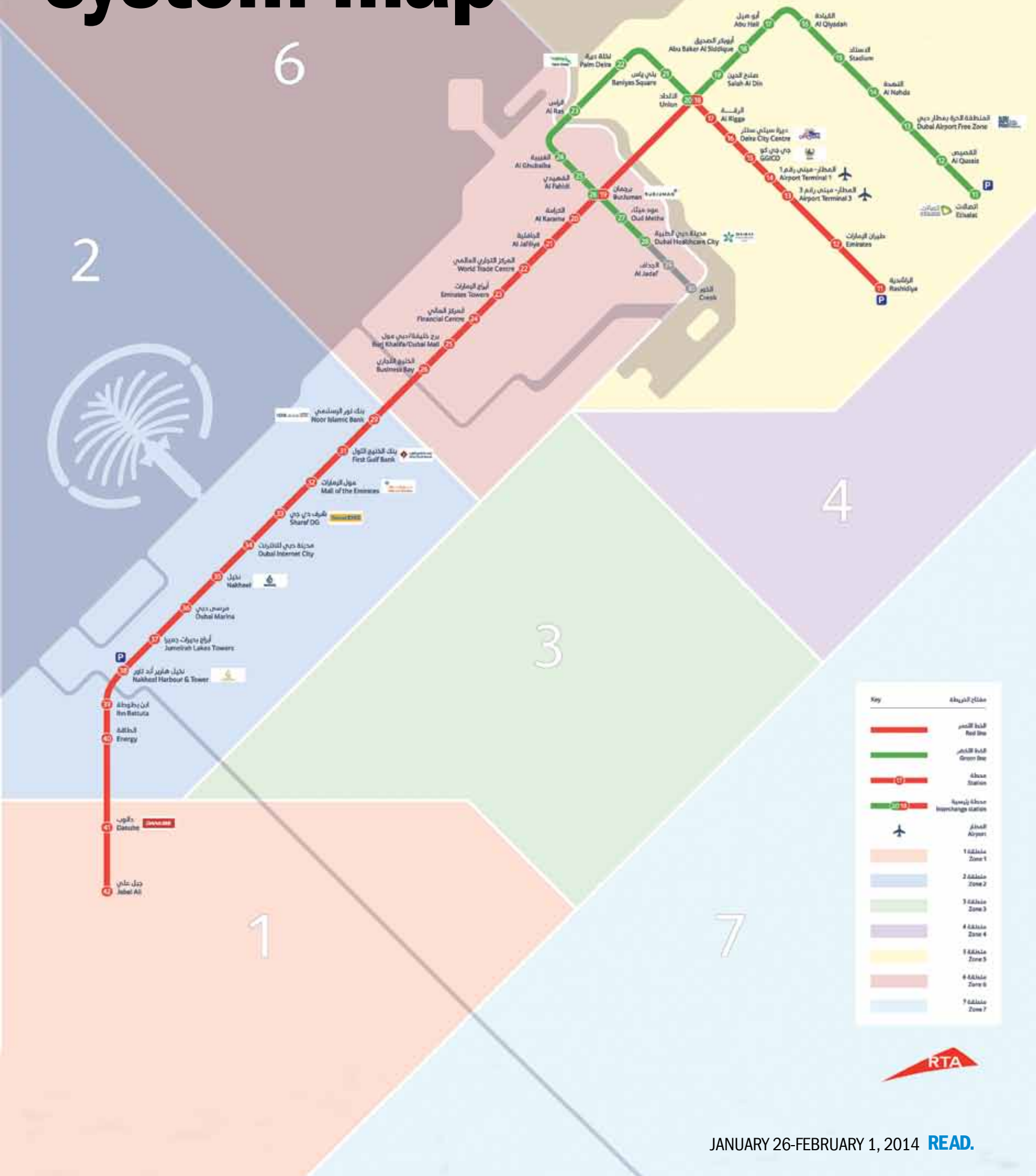
Praised for her recent role in *Lootera*, Sonakshi Sinha is rather stumped at the flick not receiving any award nods. She Tweeted, "Disheartening how *Lootera* has been held back from most of the nominations this year! Dint they call it a masterpiece/poetry in motion/world class/technically superior film when it released?"



Kareena's lead

Upcoming movie *Singham 2* will see Kareena Kapoor take on the role of leading lady, opposite Ajay Devgn. The actress has revealed she is excited to sink her teeth into the role, which will see her playing the part of a Maharashtrian girl. Prakash Raj will take on the 'baddie' role to complete the star line-up.

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Rail plan 'open house' held

Rail Agency meets with strategic partners, partners, investors and service providers and receives feedback.

RAIL TRANSPORT

The Rail Agency, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), recently hosted an open house in order to discuss with its strategic partners, partners, investors and service providers, the strategic and future plans for the rail sector in Dubai.

The open house was held in the presence of Abdulla Yousef Al Ali, Acting CEO of the RTA Rail Agency; Abdul Rida Abu Al Hassan, Director of Rail Planning and Development Projects; Mohammed Al Mudharreb, Director of Rail Operation; Ahmed Al Shareef, Director of Rail Maintenance, and other officials, administrators and strategic partners.

Abdulla Yousef Al Ali, Acting CEO of the Rail Agency, said, "Open house events are held regularly throughout the year to meet with strategic partners, investors and service providers from various firms and entities who are instrumental to the successes and achievements made by the Rail Agency in providing public transport in general and running the Metro service in particular, thanks to the continuous flow of views, ideas and suggestions exchanged, which con-

"Open house events are held regularly throughout the year to meet with strategic partners, investors and service providers."

tribute to uplifting the level of services and operations of the agency."

Mohammed Al Mudharreb, Director of Rail Operation, made a presentation featuring the Rail Agency, Red and Green Lines of the Dubai Metro, automated train control system, park-and-ride stations and facilities, along with the metro control and operation centres and their vital role in monitoring stations, and the rolling stock on the elevated tracks and tunnels. The presentation also tackled voice communication with rail depots, fare systems, metro highlights since inception in 2009, and the substantial increase in the metro ridership.

Al Mudharreb also reviewed the new metro service launched in 2012 known as the Express Metro on the

Red Line, which scooped the Best Government Service Award in the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart Government Programme.

Another presentation was made about the Dubai Tram, highlighting the external and internal design of the tram carriages, unique design of tram stations and various construction phases. It explained that the project is part of Dubai Government's drive prioritising the provision of sophisticated and integrated transit systems to serve densely populated areas and urban development districts in Dubai such as Jumeirah Beach Residence, Marina, and Al Safouh neighbourhoods, which will directly benefit from the tram project. The presentation also highlighted the timeline set for the scheduled trial runs before the official launch of the service in November 2014.

Another presentation was made during the gathering about the master plan of the future rail network and projects needed to serve the anticipated development projects in Dubai up to 2020, 2025, and 2030; epitomising the sizeable integration between the master plan of the rail network and the mass transit network includ-

ing buses, and marine transit modes. The review highlighted the anticipated expansions envisaged by the RTA over the next decade, including the extension of the Dubai Metro Green Line from Al Jaddaf to Academic City, extension of the Dubai Metro Red Line from Al Rashidiya to Mirdif, Phase II of the Dubai Tram, and other vital projects related to a feasibility study of providing light transit systems in Za'abeel, and options of linking the Metro Red Line along Sheikh Zayed Road with the Expo 2020 site near Al Maktoum International Airport by 2020.

Before the end of the gathering, the different parties engaged in discussions and dialogue where the RTA furnished answers to the queries raised and promised to adopt constructive views contributing to a better service to the RTA customers.

The representatives of strategic partners, partners and service providers commended the continuous efforts of the RTA to maintain communication with them, which in turn enables them access to the latest developments related to rail projects, besides sharing suggestions and views.

RTA wins Hall of Fame award in USA

The strategic execution of the Balanced Scorecard sees RTA recognised with coveted Hall of Fame award.

AWARDS

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) was recently awarded the Hall of Fame 2013 award organised by the Palladium Group, USA, for its strategic execution of the Balanced Scorecard that has played a key role in uplifting the overall performance of the RTA's employees.

The award winners were announced at the Global Strategy Summit 2013 in Boston, USA, in the presence of public and private sector organisations from all over the world.

Abdul Mohsen Ibrahim Younes, CEO of Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector, RTA, reaffirmed the RTA's commitment and constant endeavour to develop comprehensive performance, harnessing the world's



best practices, which will upgrade the RTA's diversified services provided to the public including public transport commuters and other users of the RTA's broad selection of services.

"The reason why high-ranking organisations are set on implementing a Balanced Scorecard strategy is because they intend to increase focus on strategy and results, improve or-

"They intend to increase focus on strategy and results."

ganisational performance by measuring what matters, align organisation strategy with the work people do on a day-to-day basis, and concentrate on the drivers of future performance," said Younes.

Attending the conference on behalf of the RTA was Rashid Al Shaikh, Corporate Planning Manager of the Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector, who expressed his satisfaction over the international corporate achievement, attributing it to the tireless efforts of all RTA teams involved in strategy success.



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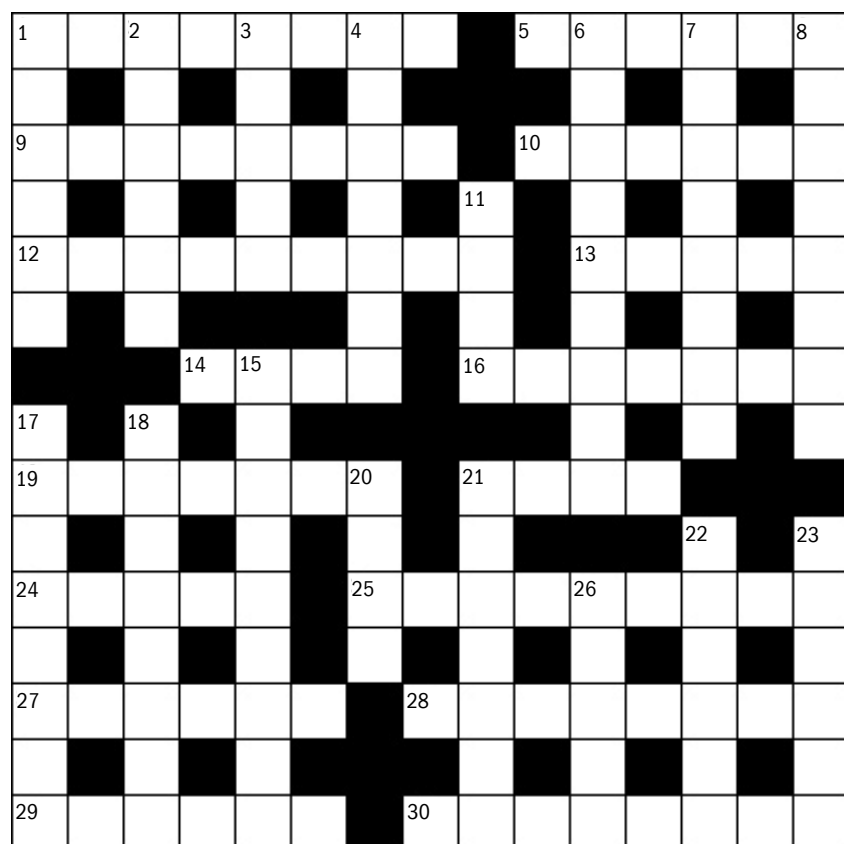
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Crossword

Across

1 Shows (8) **5** Uncertainties (6) **9** Type of sweater (8) **10** Odour (6)
12 Vibrating (9) **13** Unlock or open (5) **14** A very large chime (4) **16**
 Force into some situation (7) **19** Charges (7) **21** Ripped (4) **24** Dog-like
 nocturnal animal (5) **25** Endure (9) **27** Become wrinkled or creased
 (6) **28** An old naval punishment (8) **29** Compulsory force (6) **30**
 Accompanied (8)

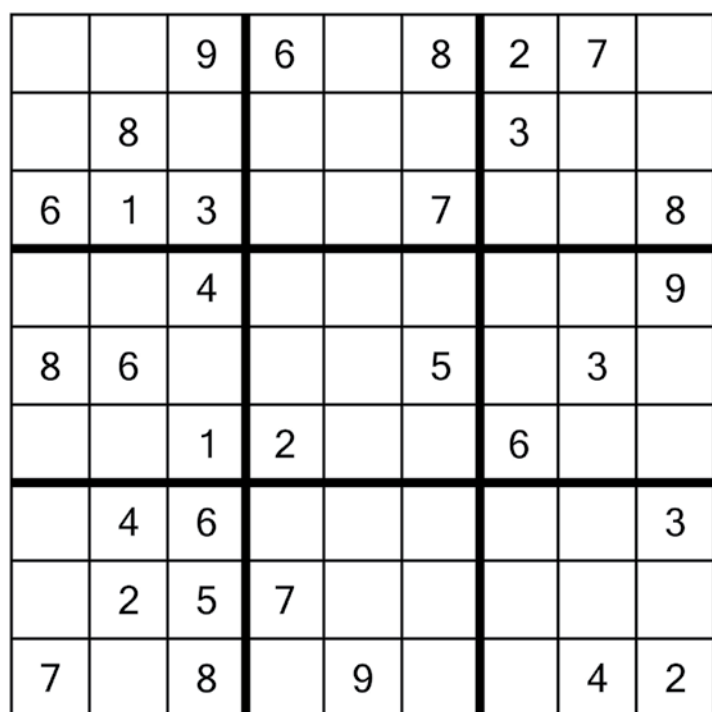
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1 Exclude (6) **2** A low barrier in footraces (6) **3** A monetary unit of Oman
 (5) **4** Exchanging (7) **6** Exceed in quantity (9) **7** A depositor's passbook
 (8) **8** Small orb (8) **11** Monster (4) **15** Hindrances (9) **17** Amassed (8) **18**
 Yeller (8) **20** Wood-cutting tools (4) **21** Giggles (7) **22** Type of volcanic
 rock (6) **23** Confused (6) **26** Genus of salmon (5)

ANSWERS



Sudoku



Recipe

Stew and dumplings

Warm up while it's still wintery in Dubai with this hearty beef stew.

Ingredients

For the dumplings
 85g shredded suet
 175g plain flour
 1 tsp salt
 ½ tsp baking powder
 Dash of milk

For the stew

2kg beef brisket, cubed
 3 onions, thickly sliced
 3 carrots, thickly sliced
 1 celery stick, cut into 2cm pieces
 350g potatoes, cut into chunks
 1 bay leaf
 6 sprigs fresh parsley
 Water or beef stock

Serves
4



about the size of a golf ball, and then set aside.

2. To make the stew, place the beef brisket into a large saucepan with the raw onions, carrots, celery, potatoes, bay leaf and parsley. Add enough water or beef stock to cover the meat then bring to the boil.

3. Cover the stew pan with a lid and reduce to a low heat. Leave to simmer for at least an hour to ensure the beef is cooked but tender.

4. Add the dumplings to the stew 20 minutes before the end of your decided cooking time.

5. Once the dumplings are cooked through, the stew is ready to serve.

Method

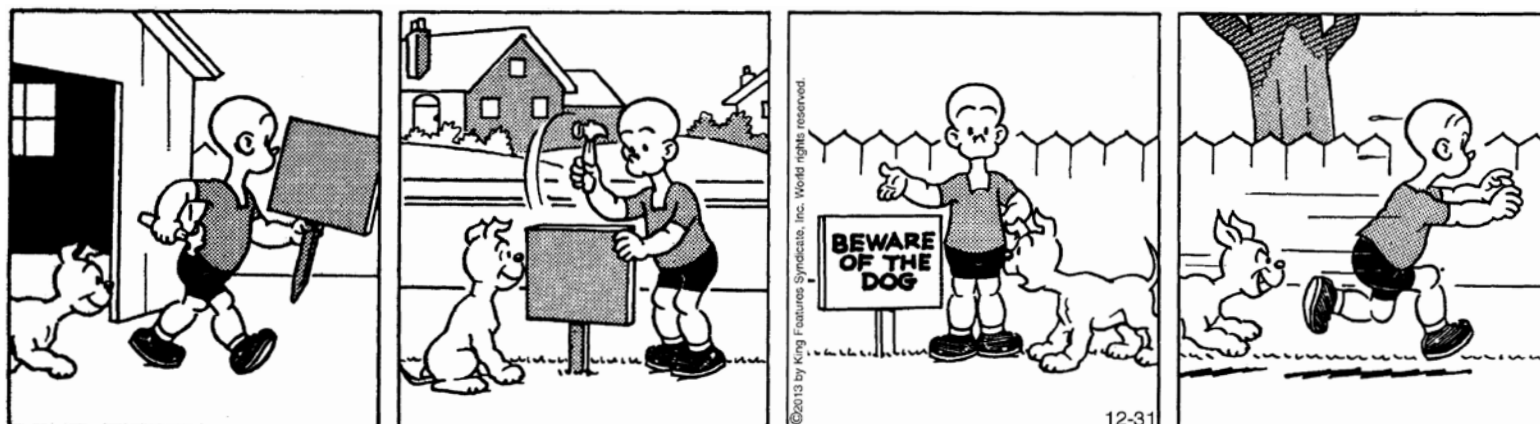
1. To prepare the dumplings, mix the suet, flour, salt and baking powder together in a bowl. Gradually add a small amount of milk to the mixture, mixing well until a soft dough is formed. Roll the mixture into balls

ANSWERS

SUDOKU

7	3	8	1	9	6	5	4	2
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Henry



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ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Envy someone who is supposed to be your friend could lead to strain on the relationship, with him or her being unaware of what's even causing the tension. Try to be happy for their successes and ignore the mild envy that you may feel internally.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Sometimes your mouth may run ahead of you a little too quickly for your brain to keep up. When this happens, your blunt and honest nature can crop up, but be careful as this may shock those who are not yet accustomed to your personality.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

It can sometimes be hard to understand that life and love doesn't always play out like a Hollywood movie. There will be plenty of ups but you must also learn to cope with the downs. Complete trust and honesty is the only way to weather the worst storms.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Don't let the pressure pile up too much when it comes to responsibility for a project within the workplace. There are plenty of people in your team who would love to help out and claim a portion of the credit for themselves, so share the tasks around.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Keep an eye on the way you speak to a relative. You may not be aware of it but your comments can sometimes come across as a little bit too near the knuckle, and it's only a matter of time before they may lose patience with your attitude.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

A sweeping statement may leave you feeling undervalued and almost worthless to a point. Try not to dwell on what has been said, however, simply use the negative feedback as a way to better your own self whether it's at work or in your personal life.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

Trying to let go of a close relationship will prove tough over the coming few weeks, but try to make the most of the support network you have in place. No matter how far apart you are physically, your true friends will always be there to support you.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 23)

You may be daydreaming about throwing the printer out of the window or putting a bat through the computer screen, but keep your temper in check. It may feel as though you're one step away from resignation, but the pressure will start to ease off eventually.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

The phrase 'swings and roundabouts' could have been invented for your life right now. As soon as something good happens, there's something frustrating or disheartening not too far behind. Keep your focus on the long-term goal in order to make it through.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Take some time out to treat a good friend or family member to something that they will not only enjoy, but that will give you some quality time. It's been too long since you properly caught up with him or her and there's plenty of stories to be shared.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

The grass is not always greener on the other side and this is something you may not understand right now. Stop longing for the things you know are simply unrealistic in life right now, and try to realise how many positives there are surrounding you instead.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Have you thought that perhaps your low mood could be linked to the fact it's winter, it's (relatively) cold, and you may have a case of the January blues? This is a better explanation than just assuming your world is falling apart and everyone's out to get you.



This week's local weather

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HIGH 23C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 34%

MON



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LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 31%

TUE



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WED



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